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want to suggest to you and to all of you that if we were to adopt LB 332 or 843 which are very much in favor of the EPA and the Department of Agriculture that we would be embarking upon a program far more costly, far more costly to this state, both legislatively and to the taxpayer and industry, than the one we are offering you here today but we do not want to fool you. It is going to be expensive. It is going to be expensive to embark upon the kind of program EPA wants you to embark upon. We think this limited program is effective. We think it is a step in the right direction. We think it acknowledges our responsibility but it does not surrender that responsibility to the Environmental Protection Agency. This is not surrender. It was not intended to be so. The Committee does not feel that it is so and I know that my time is brief this morning. I would like to reserve the balance of my time until after lunch because I know there are, no doubt, some amendments and some announcements to be made. But I would hope that you would remember that this is offered in all seriousness by the members of the Committee as an alternative to a very complex, comprehensive, far reaching program of control by the federal government over the lives and industry of Nebraska citizens.

SENATOR MAHONEY: This Legislature is recessed until 1:30 p.m. sharp.